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SOUTH DAKOTA MILK CASH RECEIPTS UP

SIOUX FALLS, April 25, 2008 -- Cash receipts from marketings of milk in South Dakota during 2007 totaled \$311.9 million, up 59 percent from the \$196.1 million in 2006, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Higher milk prices along with higher production levels resulted in larger cash receipts.

South Dakota producers received an average of \$19.10 per hundredweight of milk sold in 2007. This is a 46 percent increase from the \$13.10 received in 2006.

Total **milk production** in South Dakota increased 9 percent in 2007, to 1,641 million pounds. This is up from the 1,505 million pounds produced in 2006. The **rate per cow** at 19,306 pounds in 2007 was up 4 percent from 18,580 pounds in 2006. The 2007 **average number of cows on farms**, at 85,000 head, was up from 81,000 head in 2006.

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